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THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

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ARCHITECT'S SKETCH OF DESIGN

for the first unit of the new church building being erected for Hough Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Located in Cleveland Heights, this view is projected from the Cedar Road side, looking north.

Editorial Comment

WORLD IGNORANCE Those who listen to quiz programs on radio have noted that the aspirant always—or most always—fails to give the correct answer when the question is related to the Bible. The listener is astounded at the scope of learning among those who compete on these broadcasts, but their ignorance of Scripture is equally astounding. In a recent nation-wide Gallup Poll, people were asked to name the first four books of the New Testament. Only one out of three could name all four, and over half of the people were unable to name any of them. The young people are familiar with all of the Hollywood Stars, the popular sportsmen, the favorite college coaches, and the latest in song hits, but know nothing about Abraham, David, Isaiah, Paul or Timothy. They know much about history; nothing about prophecy, the names and political views of most world rulers, but nothing about the world's creator, redeemer, and coming King.

Confining our prophecy to the United States of America, we predict that the present declension in power and influence will continue to a point where the pallbearers who carried other nations to the burying ground may carry out another national corpse, wrapped in the Stars and Stripes. We quote from Isaiah 60:12—"The nation and kingdom that will not serve me shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted."

A GOOD NAME It is said that some twenty-five years ago a carpenter in Bonn, Germany, fearing that depression and possible hard times ahead might force him from his job, built into all chimneys of houses which he helped to construct, a panel of wood which was designed to burn through in due time, exposing an explosive which would destroy the house.

Several years later, as houses burned periodically from the trick device, the carpenter was arrested, later committing suicide. However, he is remembered because of his evil works and as houses continue to burn now and then, his name is recounted and the story of his crime.

In Revelation 14:13 there is comment concerning those who were

to die in the Lord, henceforth, "they may rest from their labours and their works do follow them." Regardless of the first meaning of this Scripture, it is true that a man's works and the influence of the life, follow along among the people of his generation for many days. How good it is when one is remembered for his good works, and the memory of his name brings joy to his kinfolk. It is written in Proverbs 22:1, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches."

WHITHER BOUND Baptists, both of the convention and the independent distinctives, have been interested in the dispute over property in North Carolina, the membership voting to withdraw from the Southern Baptist Convention by vote of 80% to 20%.

The property has been used by both groups in separate meetings since the case was appealed to the courts, where a decision was handed down giving the property to the minority. The majority has agreed to move out without further litigation and to pay the minority group \$4,700.00 rental for use of the building during the period of dispute.

The decision of the southern court is being capitalized by the Southern Baptist Convention and according to our understanding, a convention-wide effort is being made to have the affiliated churches alter their constitutions and title papers to give full title to the Southern Baptist Convention, in line with that of many other denominations. It would seem that Baptist people are viewing the beginnings of a transition period in Baptist history, wherein this great convention, located south of the Mason-Dixon Line, is changing from a congregational organization to a tightly-controlled hierarchy, the exact form of which is not yet visible.

NATIONAL IMPOTENCY It hasn't made the headlines, but more and more the news releases indicate that the U N is designed to be a world governing body, with all military equipment under U N control, and individual nations unable to wage war of offense or defense.

The measure now under con-

sideration would open the U N to all nations, civilized and barbarian, and after induction, continued membership is compulsory. This, of course, would bring into the U N, Red China and all communist dominated countries. Under the proposed amendment to the charter, all member nations must completely disarm.

Should the proposed change be brought about, the United States would be wholly governed from without, and wholly impotent.

Not only does this magazine favor withdrawal from the U N, but we also favor the Bricker Amendment to limit the treaty-making powers of the president. Yalta is an example of what a president can do to sell his people down the river.

MARKED MEN A man is classified and his testimony is evaluated, not only by his words and deeds, but also by the people and things with which he is identified.

For instance, this editor has never met Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, nevertheless in our thinking he has been classified by his association. For instance, as we go into the homes of the *religious* but unspiritual people, we find the book—"Positive Thinking." As we read the secular press and the big denominational publications, we note that he is lauded. As the hierarchies go forth in search of a front for radio, they pick Dr. Norman Vincent Peale.

The testimony of a man does not rise or fall wholly on the basis of the things he says and does, but upon his associations, also.

DOCTOR SIDLOW BAXTER The April issue of this magazine announced that Dr. J. Sidlow Baxter of Scotland, would visit Ohio Association for eight weeks in 1956.

The requests and "demands" for speaking engagements during the period of visitation have been so exceedingly heavy that in a series of exchanges, we prevailed upon Dr. Baxter to give us more time. The distinguished teacher has now agreed to give us the entire months of April, May and June, or thirteen weeks, and from the invitations already received we have distributed the time. The appointments will be in centrally

located churches, principally in locations where several churches of the fellowship may benefit. Dr. Baxter is acknowledged to be one of the world's most outstanding Bible teachers, and his books are listed as required reading in some Bible colleges.

WORSHIP The local church provides not only a place of worship for those who have been born again, and the way of salvation for the unregenerated, but also a training course for young folk who will soon become responsible for continuance of the testimony.

As we move among the churches, we find a difference in emphasis, not so much in the preaching, as in the practice and procedure. The church which seems to be forging ahead, as related to spiritual growth and enthusiasm, is the church which provides work for its people. The big boy may be able to hit the ball a terrific wallop, but that does not satisfy the little fellow who wants to feel the bat. People want something to do, an assignment, a responsibility, a public identification with the work. Fortunate is the church which has a pastor and official family which can employ the people, in its department of music, assigned visitation, teaching staff, welfare work, supervised recreation, leadership in prayer groups and forward parts in periodic devotional services.

Promising is the future when a large percentage of the young folk are employed each Sunday evening in the church orchestra, or in the junior choir which occupies the choir section one Sunday evening each month. Happy in the service is the young man who is invited to come to the platform and read the Scripture occasionally at the Sunday evening service, or to serve with the ushers in lifting the offering.

Prosperous is the church which employs its people in the service of the Lord.

THE CHURCH BULLETIN With the increased activity in the church program a few years ago, it was deemed advisable to publish a church bulletin to carry announcements and pastoral comment. The idea spread rapidly and was adopted by practically all churches.

The first purpose of the church bulletin was to place the schedule of meetings and events in the hands of the people for reference during the week. The secondary purpose was to avoid the necessity for consuming valuable time for announcements in the regular services.

To an ever increasing extent the secondary purpose of the church bulletin is being defeated. In the average church, at each service, the pastor reads the bulletin to the people, offering lengthy comment between the entries. It would seem to many of the church folk, that since most of the people read English quite well, and every person in the auditorium has a bulletin, it might be sufficient to speak only of some unusual service or some event not included in the printed schedule.

VISITATION

It was the editor's privilege to speak recently in the Penfield Junction Baptist Church, Lorain; Evansville Baptist Church, Niles; Bible Baptist Church, Bedford, and The Erieside Church On The Boulevard, Willowick, Ohio.

HELLO THERE!

The salutation is to young Timothy George O'Keefe, who weighed in at 7 pounds, 12 ounces, Saturday, May 14, 1955.

From where we now stand it looks as though Timothy George would probably grow to manhood in the parsonage of the Brookside Baptist Church, Cleveland, and it might be that the next pastor of this congregation will be the Rev. Timothy George O'Keefe, successor to his father. Who Knows?

At any rate, we say: "Hello There," and a rousing welcome to Ohio Association.

DONALD WAITE WINS DEGREE

Works On Another

Mr. Donald Allen Waite, a member of the Berea Baptist Church and former Professor of Greek and Speech at Cedarville Baptist College was awarded the Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) from Dallas Theological Seminary on Tuesday, May 10, 1955. Dr. Waite is at present on the speech staff at Purdue University and working on his Ph.D. in speech. After completing his degree at Purdue, which should be around June, 1956, he plans to go on active duty as a U. S. Naval Chaplain.

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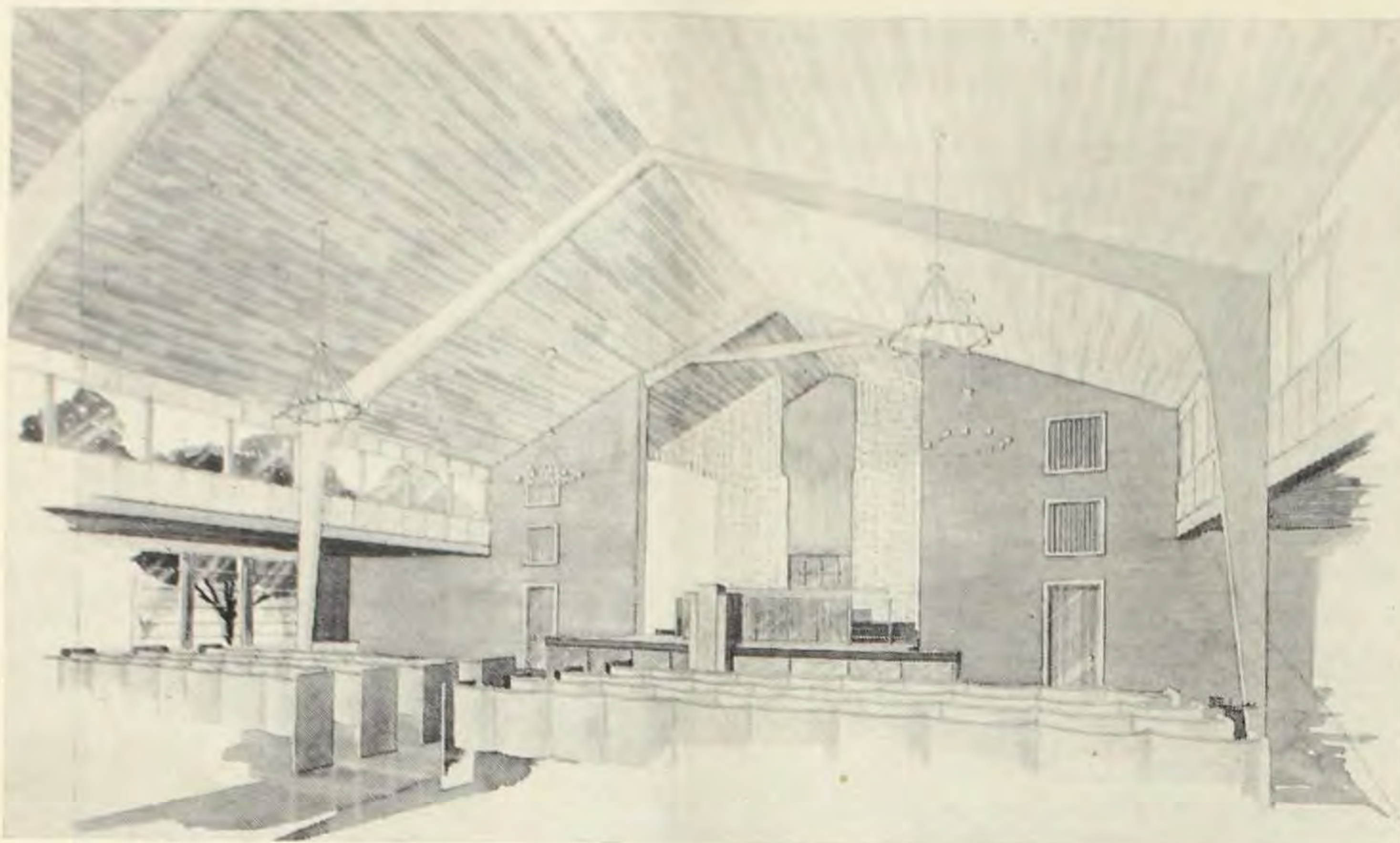
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Architect's sketch of temporary church auditorium, seating 750. "Accordion" doors will unfold to separate wings on each side of this room when being used for Sunday School class rooms.

Building Fund Committee Faces Many Problems

Few churches are suddenly and dramatically forced into a new building program in the same manner as was Hough Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland. Early on the Sunday morning of August 23, 1953, a five alarm fire brought all companies to the Hough building and before the fire could be controlled it had gutted the auditorium and practically every Sunday School room. When the initial shock to the church's 750 members began to wear off, the hand of the Lord was seen in the way he immediately took care of his children.

While firemen were still throwing tons of water on the blaze, Sunday School convened at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel and on the shaded lawn of the Western Reserve University nearby. Cars and busses shuttled everyone to the temporary location and an average attendance was reported.

When a search for vital records and correspondence was instituted, again we saw the protecting hand of the Lord. Though watersoaked, the church office was damaged least and practically all classbooks, membership lists, etc. were found.

Within three weeks an abandoned church building of considerable size was being used by the congregation and is still being used while the new building is being erected. Certainly, here God again intervened, for this temporary building is being used by us without rental charge. Had we been

forced to move into a nearby high school building, the rental would have been almost \$100 per week.

On Tuesday after the fire, the Advisory Council held a very sober and prayerful meeting. We found that we had about \$6,000 on hand in a Building Fund which some members had thought might become useful some day in the distant future.

This "Pearl Harbor" disaster, however, had welded our members together and had given us the determination to go forward in the Lord, and everyone pulled together to keep our rather heavy missionary and radio commitments in the black. In addition, contributions for a Building Fund began to come in. Some non-members, public citizens in Greater Cleveland, sent substantial contributions without solicitation.

Three committees were immediately established or activated, an Emergency and Salvage Committee, a Building Fund Committee and the Building Committee. The latter committee had been composed principally of Trustees because they had foreseen an eventual need for moving to a more suitable neighborhood. Additions to the Building Committee were made so that it became more representative of the entire church.

Months later, we again saw God extend his helping hand to us. Settlement of even the limited amount on the fire insurance had

"SO YOU"

NOTE: We offer the following narrative of the experiences of Hough Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, as an aid to other Ohio churches which may sometime be faced with a new building program. (Editor.)

netted us more than the current selling price of the building. Later sale of the gutted building and land added a few thousand more dollars into the Building Fund.

Within four months, the \$6,000 in the Building Fund had grown to \$18,000. In about another year it had swelled to \$57,000 from contributions alone. The insurance settlement and sale of the old property was in addition to this.

Hough Baptist had not conducted an every-member canvass for financial pledges for many years. Offerings that were truly "free-will" had met all obligations for current expenses including repairs on an aging building, commitments for the support of some 20 missionaries, and one and sometimes two weekly radio programs over Cleveland stations, plus all other miscellaneous needs.

When the Building Fund Committee learned that a new church home would probably cost about \$400,000, some consideration was given to asking for Building Fund pledges. After all, there were far from sufficient funds available to finance a new construction program. Banks and insurance companies did not consider churches as "gilt edge" credit risks. Especially for amounts of about \$150,000!

Credit, as we all know, is extended as much (if not more) on willingness to pay as on ability to pay. When the Building Fund Committee approached credit sources, about a year after the fire, we had a record of our members' willingness to pay. This was further augmented by a plan of "Faith Promises" which were scriptural and basically called for each giver in the plan to support another's "Faith Promise" in specific prayer.

The "Faith Promise" plan operates as follows. On two halves of a numbered form, a member jots down the amount he intends to give as the Lord permits. On one half of the form he signs his name. The other half does not reveal his

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identity. Only the church financial secretary saw and tabulated these returns. Keeping the signed half, the secretary then mailed one of the unidentified halves to each member who joined the "Faith Promise" circle. No one received his own card back. Each member of the circle thereupon assumed to hold up in personal prayer "number 20" or "number 175" knowing only that that individual had promised to contribute a certain amount at certain intervals.

This plan, the Building Fund Committee hoped, would provide necessary information for the mortgage loan we would have to have. An interesting sidelight may be injected here; the total contributions to the Building Fund are exceeding the total amount indicated on the Faith Promises. And for this we certainly praise our benevolent Heavenly Father.

Consistently we asked for God's guidance in all of our many problems and with this Faith Promise which was non-binding and purely voluntary God did not lead us to deviate from our free-will offering policy.

As a guide for giving, we had previously presented a "goal" to our members. At a public meeting we had explained the scope of our financial problem and asked our members to keep in mind an amount of "\$5 per family per Sunday." This was to be in addition to their regular contributions to all other funds and it meant practically doubling their present giving.

As it turned out, this goal might have been said to be too high for practical purposes for that amount has not quite been realized over a period of time. However, it is a good "round" figure, easy to remember. It does establish a giving policy which the committee feels is basically sound.

It places the giving on a family (or wage earner) basis and as a result, each member of the family is not subjected to a drive to give in Sunday School, in Young People's meetings, in the Missionary Society or whenever small groups gather. After all, various contributions by the family members all come out of the wage earner's pocket. Thus, the responsibility for consistent and generous giving is concentrated where it belongs . . . on the head of the household.

While the Lord was providing

the funds with which to build, the Building Committee was seeking

His will in matters they were handling.

Building Committee Has Countless Headaches

The problems confronting the Building Fund Committee were matched by those facing the Building Committee. In fact, more varied opinions were expressed on the location and type of building and its details than in the financing. Steering a straight course required much prayer and waiting on God to see what His plans were for the church. In many marvelous ways certain avenues and approaches to the problem were opened, while others were definitely closed.

Several surveys aided in getting basic facts.

The first study was made of our Sunday morning church attendance on two successive Sundays. Everyone present was asked how he got to church that day, how frequently visitors attended and visitors' reasons for attending our church.

Results showed that 73% of the members and 63% of the visitors drove to church. From this we assumed that these people probably would be willing to drive a little farther to a new church location.

In a supplemental survey, we pinpointed the residence of every member on a county map. This showed that only 27% lived within a mile of the church and from this we established what we already knew, namely, that Hough Baptist was not a "neighborhood" church.

Several possible locations were discussed, but none included rebuilding at the burned out location where the character of the neighborhood as changing and where parking presented problems.

Eventually the only suitable nearby property which was available was opened to us. It consisted of four and one half acres of beautifully wooded and planted land in Cleveland Heights about one and one half miles east of our present temporary location at Euclid and East 97th Street. The area is located on Cedar Road just at the top of a hill and the property runs through to Derbyshire Road on the north.

Before making the purchase, we

decided to again use the survey method to determine the religious preferences of residents in this part of Cleveland Heights. Using a cross reference telephone book we phoned about 10% of 34,560 residents in the immediate area. (10% is considered by statisticians to be an adequate sample)

Somewhat to our surprise we found the largest percentage indicated they were Protestants, of which about two thirds had no regular church affiliation. The next largest group was Hebrew. Then followed a smaller percentage identified as Catholic, with Christian Scientists and other religions constituting the smallest percentage.

Based on all of the information now at hand we reasoned that we would bring practically all of our present membership along with us to the new location and could expect to find many new neighbors who would at least be friendly toward us if we showed we were friendly toward them.

By this time we had chosen an architect whose experience included Protestant church construction and we turned our attention to making the best possible use of our land.

Every department of the church organization had to be consulted to determine as accurately as possible our future requirements based on present performance.

The first unit is to be the Educational building plus a 750 seat chapel which will serve as church auditorium. Land is available for building the larger permanent church auditorium as the second unit at some later date. At that time the 750 seat chapel will become the prayer chapel and Sunday School assembly area.

A preliminary estimate of construction costs indicated that a complete structure with as large a main auditorium as we wanted would be beyond our financial means at this time.

In many details we had to rely on the experience of our architect and some details were not brought



Photo from model showing many of the beautiful trees which will surround the new Hough Baptist Church, located in Cleveland Heights, on the estate of the late Dr. George Crile.

before the Building Committee at all. This however, is as it should be.

The committee spent much time in discussing basic design, arrangement of rooms, flow of foot traffic, making the facilities do "double duty" for Sunday and mid-week meetings, etc. One feature of our room design is making each area perform a double duty, if possible. "Accordion" type doors and panels permit a large area to be subdivided into individual classrooms. This construction permits the 750 seat chapel to be divided into one

central area of 450 seats and two side areas of 150 seats each. In children's departments, too, this device permits more flexibility than all permanently constructed walls. Items of construction which claimed much of the committee's attention were those which affected the external and internal appearance of the building. Type of surfaces, fixtures, color schemes, windows, parking lot, and special purpose rooms all required much careful study. To expedite many of these decisions the committee divided itself into the following di-

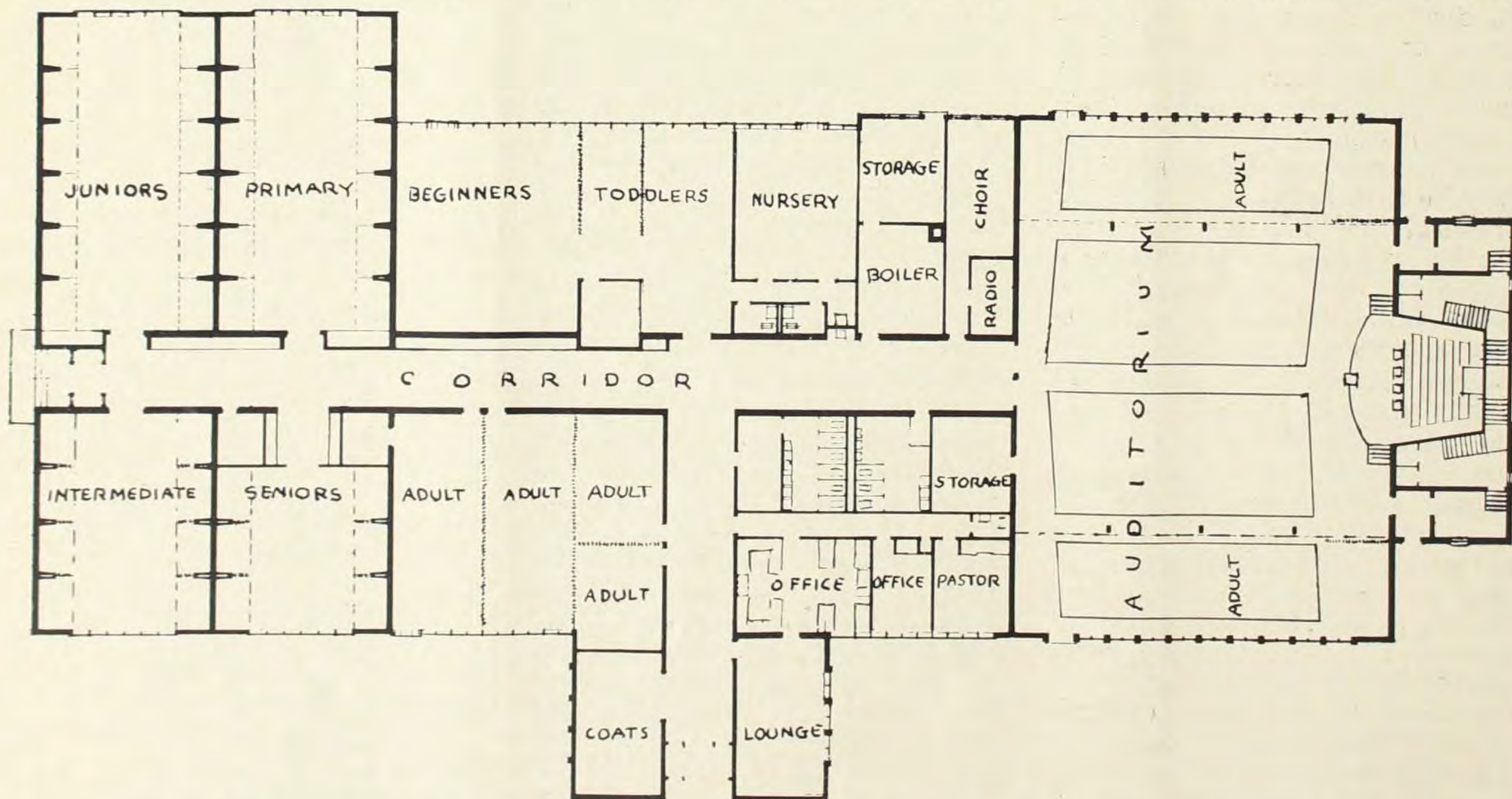
visions, with one committee member acting as the sub-committee chairman:

- Plans and Construction
- Grounds and Administrative Areas
- Worship Facilities
- Christian Education
- Fellowship and Recreation
- Music and Radio
- Furnishings and Equipment
- Public Information.

Sub-Committee chairmen investigated and reported to the committee on their own assigned functions. Thus various parts of the gigantic task were being expedited simultaneously, yet the Building Committee as a whole made the final decisions.

The architect and an Executive Committee kept liaison with the Zoning Commission and Building Department of the City of Cleveland Heights in order that they would be informed of our progress and so we would not move in a direction that the city might later have to reject.

From all of our assembled basic data, plus our own best estimate that the cost of land, grading, building and furnishings for the first unit should not exceed \$400,000, it was decided to erect a building of a single floor design. We had the available land and one story construction eliminated expensive and space consuming stairways and heavier structural steel work. Other features of construction included use of concrete block walls veneered with red brick on the outside and painted on the in-



Layout of the First unit to be constructed, with auditorium facing Cedar Road and Sunday School unit at opposite end nearest 188 car parking lot.

side. The floor consisted of a large concrete slab layed directly on the graded earth and surfaced with asphalt tile. A flat roof of semi-prefabricated design covered all of the educational area, leaving a gable roof for the auditorium only.

Thus there would be no expensive double walls or ceilings to construct and the building could be put up faster than with studding, hollow walls, plaster surfaces, etc.

After the church membership approved the basic design and each department head presented his own particular requirements, working drawings were developed and approved by the Building Committee.

Before sending plans out for general construction bids, the committee went through a process of choosing those general contractors to whom they would extend invitations to bid. This eliminated general advertising for bids. It also amounted to a sort of pre-qualification of bidders who would be considered satisfactory to the committee. Finally, it meant that we could accept the lowest bid as the best bid and each contractor would stand on his price as submitted.

One feature of the contract which was signed on March 29, 1955, included an incentive clause in which economies in construction were to be shared 75 per cent by the church and 25 per cent by the contractor.

As of this writing, the contractor is busily engaged in fulfilling his agreement. The grading was done almost before the ink on the contract was dry. Footings for walls were dug and concrete poured, cement block was going up for the outer walls and right behind came the brick layers. Metal windows are being set in place and the church congregation will have met for a cornerstone laying ceremony before this article is printed.

Present plans call for completion of the building before the end of the year.

At every regular and special prayer meeting of the church, in Sunday School, young people's societies and in other groups, members publicly thank God for His Divine Guidance, they seek His continued blessing, they ask to know His will in everything that concerns the building program, all to the end that the testimony of the church may be continued and expanded and that more souls may be won to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"FAITH PROMISE"

HOUGH BAPTIST CHURCH

BUILDING FUND

No 2

"Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which cost me nothing."

11 Samuel 24:24

Yes, I believe in the ministry and testimony of Hough Baptist Church and desire to see the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ go forward.

Recognizing our need for a new church home, it is my earnest desire and expectation, under God, to share in the cost of the building where everyone can hear the "good news" of salvation.

I want to have a regular part in reaching the \$1,500 weekly goal, and as God enables me, I desire to share in this effort for the next 52 weeks.

My plan of giving will be—

\$_____ weekly

\$_____ monthly

\$_____ lump sum

\$_____ other

(Name)

(Address)

Date _____

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I want to have a regular part in reaching the \$1,500 weekly Building Fund Goal and in faith promise that I will endeavor to contribute as God enables me. In this undertaking I seek the prayer partnership of my brethren in Christ.

My plan of giving will be—

\$_____ lump sum

\$_____ weekly

\$_____ other

\$_____ monthly

(NOTE: Please fill in both halves of this card and return the entire card in the enclosed envelope via mail or offering plate. The top half will be held in confidence by the Financial Secretary. The lower half will be given to a fellow member who will there by become your prayer partner.)

Date _____

Double "Faith Promise" card showing that the bottom half of card does not reveal contributor's name. This is the half which is exchanged with some other person in the "Faith Promise" Plan to enable him to pray specifically for his "unknown" prayer partner.

Map showing location of new Hough Baptist Church on Cedar Road in Cleveland Heights.

Hough Cornerstone Laid Sunday, May 22

On Sunday, May 22, Hough Baptist celebrated the Cornerstone Laying ceremony for the first unit of their new building.

With rough grading completed and much of the concrete block construction already in place, about 400 members gathered on the site for the service. Some of the outside brick work was in place, enough so a cavity for the cornerstone had to be left by the builders where the stone was to be placed.

In the metal box, protected with a sprayed plastic protective coating, the church placed a Holy Bible, copy of church doctrine and constitution, newspaper reports of the church fire and subsequent events leading up to the present day, list

of church officers, latest annual report and two sermons recently delivered by Pastor John G. Balyo.

In his remarks, Pastor Balyo said, "The Chief Cornerstone of the Church of Christ was laid many hundreds of years ago in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Today we have the opportunity of laying a stone of sand to our new building which will remind us again of Him who is the Chief Cornerstone on whom the living church of the Living Christ is built."

Thundershowers, scheduled for the afternoon, were stayed until five minutes after the service was concluded and all had found shelter in their cars.

SOMETHING HAPPENS WHEN YOU SING!

By REV. JOHN G. BALYO, *Hough Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio*

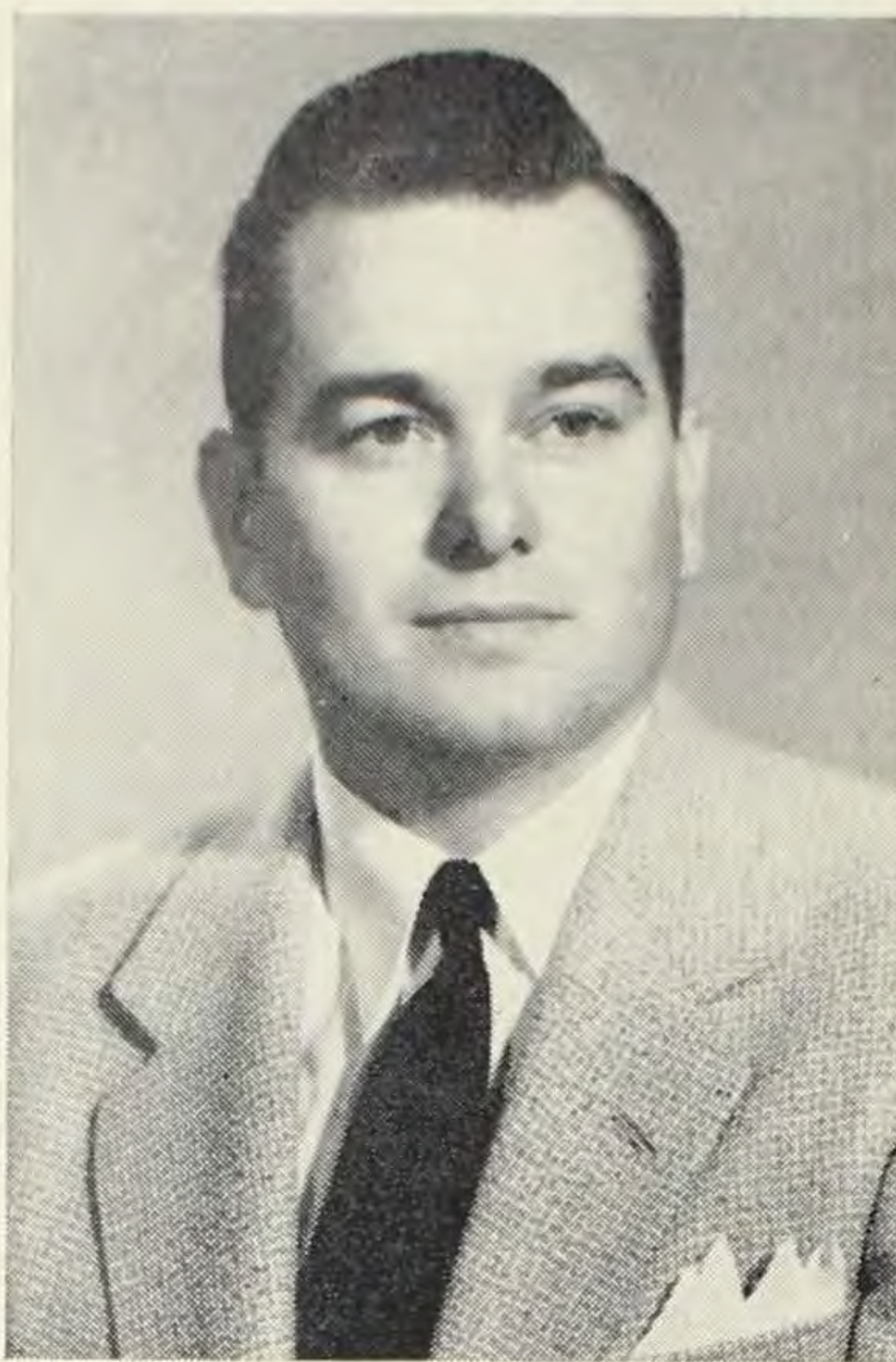
The Bible tells us that "it is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to the Most High" (Psalm 92:1); and indeed it is! It is good first of all for our spiritual well-being for us to give thanks and sing. Salvation itself begins with a sense of gratitude and we most certainly are not going to grow in the Christian virtues if we have no enlarging spirit of thankfulness and cannot sing. We can be very sure that the unhappy soul who is so occupied with his own troubles that he can no longer praise God is not going to make any real progress in the matter of spiritual maturity and Spirit-filled living.

The reason for that is almost too obvious to mention. Most Christians know quite well that the Bible teaches that growth is by faith; and praise is faith in action, it is faith with its bright side showing. Christians sing not because all is nice and sweet, but because they trust the God who is too wise to make any mistake and too loving to be unkind. And as they trust they grow, their characters are increasingly shaped to His!

That in itself should be sufficient reason for us to engage in joyful thanksgiving, but there is another reason too. The merry heart is a sort of insulation against the onslaughts of temptation. We are always more susceptible to temptation when we are unhappy and depressed and empty of all inward song; we must be very thankful and happy or we cannot be very good. If we do not have much brightness of face, we shall not have much holiness of heart either. We must learn to sing or very shortly we shall find ourselves in the midst of sin. That would be quite apparent if we turned our verse around and put it negatively, like this: "It is a bad thing not to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to the Most High." Our spiritual well-being hinges in part on our giving thanks and singing songs of praise.

It Is Good For Us

It is good for us spiritually and it is good for us physically too. The Bible says, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine," and a good doctor today will tell us that also. Happy emotions, like aspirin, can raise our threshold of pain.



John G. Balyo

Aspirin has nothing to do with curing a headache of course, but it does raise the level at which we feel pain, and happy emotions can do that for us too. That today I suppose is rather common knowledge, but it needs to be stated again.

Perhaps it is common knowledge also that emotional poison can damage our bodies quite as dangerously as other poisons can. Two women once quarreled bitterly over an inheritance. Ten years later both of them were still bitter and both of them were physically ill. When we indulge ourselves in bitterness and malice and give a person a piece of our minds, we are giving him a piece of our lives too. Here again the Scripture applies that "we reap what we sow."

We owe it to ourselves and to our Lord then to be happy in Him. And if we are, He has promised us that "the joy of the Lord is your strength." Unhappiness, whether we know it or not, is the most fatiguing thing in the world. It gives us that "all washed out"

feeling, a kind of limp-rag paralysis that we so well understand. We may be tired all the time because we work too hard (that is possible I believe), but it may be because we are unhappy and miserable. We shall not be strong physically or spiritually unless we know something of the joy that brings strength, energy, drive! "The joy of the Lord is your strength."

Its Influences

But there is still more to be said about what happens when you sing. It effectively influences the unbelievers who are on the outside in the chill wilderness of sin. Cheerful Christians are not only attractive, but are powerful pleaders for the genuineness and reality of the Christian faith. Dill-pickle Christianity is not going to influence our children or anyone else and bring them to Christ, because cheerless souls light no fires in the hearts of anyone. We are not like the birds, always on the wing chasing the sunshine. We carry our own climate with us because the God of happiness is with us, and the world needs to see that again and again.

That is what is needed and here is how it is accomplished! Start the day with thankfulness and praise. "It is good," says the Bible, "to show forth God's loving-kindness IN THE MORNING." If we do not feel like singing and praising we should do it anyway. We do it first and feel it afterwards. Start the day with thanksgiving and song. Then end the day the same way. "It is good" says the Bible, "to show forth His faithfulness EVERY NIGHT." The reason for that is simple: the day emotionally really begins the night before; how we get up in the morning depends in large measure on how we went to bed the night before. That is the plain Scriptural reason why we must not fail to remember the Lord both morning and night.

This, the Bible so graciously informs us, is the pathway to emotional peace and joyful living; and the only enemy that can keep us from it is sin. Of course the jealous cannot sing, or the impure, or the selfish, or the dishonest; the oil of gladness is for the pure in heart. And we who know Christ have the Holy Spirit to give us that!

CAMP PATMOS

(The Schedule)

Junior:	July 4	to	July 9
Junior:	July 11	to	July 16
Senior:	July 18	to	July 23
Senior:	July 25	to	July 30
Senior:	August 1	to	August 6
Junior:	August 8	to	August 13
Junior:	August 15	to	August 20
Senior:	August 22	to	August 27

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS GOD'S BUSINESS

By REV. ROBERT J. REYNHOUT, *Elyria, Ohio*

● SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTESTS HAVE THEIR PLACE ●

Contests have their place in Sunday School work. Every-

where we go we find those who frown upon this method of building a Sunday School. It may be because of the extra work it involves. It may be, too, because some people just do not want to admit that someone else's means of developing growth in Sunday School is better than their own. Needless to say, however, Sunday School contests have proved of great benefit and profit to Sunday Schools everywhere.

Already we have entered into the summer period of our Sunday School work. Maybe your Sunday School is realizing the summer slump has come. The inevitable has taken place. Folk are not around when you expect them to be, and even the regular people have taken wings and flown away. Did it ever occur to you that it may be of profit to have a contest in the summer time in our Bible Schools? It is not too late to get something rounded up for late summer by way of a contest in order to stimulate interest in delinquent members and keep some of the regular people at home, people who might take advantage of the Sundays for an outing or a picnic. A summer contest could very likely do wonders in keeping people at home and bringing in new folk.

It is a shame that pastors, teachers and church leaders *expect* the summer slump. Therefore, the choir is dismissed, classes are combined, and all the church program is run on a different level, maybe even with a different time schedule. We have all seen churches that have almost closed the doors for a period, stating that the pastor was away on vacation.

Contests have brought wonderful results in Sunday Schools of all

sizes. With Godly leaders, and with the employment of Godly methods, contests can work in *your* Sunday School. Just to announce that there is going to be a contest and hope that everything will work out will spell failure immediately. A well-planned contest under the direction of enthusiastic leaders will have results.

Contests are bound to put many of your people to work who normally do not engage in any phase of the Sunday School activity. Contests are bound to stir up enthusiasm where people are normally dead and just drifting along with the crowd. Furthermore, contests lead to many prospects in your community. And, also, contests are bound to stir up interest in the minds and hearts of many who are careless and indifferent to the Sunday School program. They will result in permanent growth. Be sure of that. Souls will be saved. Backslidden Christians will become interested. And even though the results are not all that you had hoped for, growth of any kind is acceptable and should bring praise and thanksgiving to the heart of every Sunday School leader.

We will not try to suggest any one type of contest. There can be contests between Sunday School classes or departments. There can be contests within specific classes of the Sunday School. It is always a wonderful thing when several Sunday Schools in a given area line up a contest among themselves. Even one-day contests are of profit. When a certain goal is established, and measures are used to reach that goal, whether the contest is for one day or several weeks, you will thank the Lord for the results if you put effort into the contest.

I believe that contests will train your Sunday School workers to apply themselves. If we could get our leaders and Sunday School workers and all the Sunday School

members to work as well without a contest as with one, perhaps there would be no need of the contest. But since it doesn't work that way, we highly recommend that every Sunday School make immediate arrangements for a contest that has been well planned and organized, bringing together all leaders and forces in your own church to get the job done well for the glory of God.

THE BRIEF CASE

The people of Ohio Association are always interested in the pastors who move to other locations. We have from the First Baptist Church, Hamburg, New York, a copy of the annual report which indicates progress under the ministry of the Rev. Alvin G. Ross, formerly of Blessed Hope Baptist Church, Springfield, Ohio. The pages indicate total income, \$34,000.00, of which \$18,000.00 was set apart for missions; additions to the church roll of 55; average in Sunday School of 320, which is 81 over the previous year. All in all it's a very fine report.

The Rev. Charles R. Boniface, Route No. 3, Hudson, Michigan, has resigned the pastorate at Locust Corners Baptist Church, and is in position to answer calls for pulpit supply work, or to interview any church with a pastorate in view. During the next two or three months his address will be as indicated above.

Information reaching us from the Calvary Baptist Church, Painesville, Ohio, indicates that the Lord's rich blessing has rested upon the work since the coming of the Rev. John M. Strong, February 27, 1955. To date, 9 persons have been baptized, five have united with the church by letter, and seven now await baptism, which will make a net increase of more than twenty in church membership.

The church is in the midst of a building program and meetings are now being held in the completed basement of the unfinished building. The work is being pressed to a conclusion.



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PENFIELD JUNCTION BAPTIST CHURCH DEDICATED

Many Visitors Attend

FORMER PASTOR PRESENT

Constant increase in attendance through the years has required constant expansion of facilities at the Penfield Junction Baptist Church, located midway between Elyria and Lorain, and now a new house of worship stands as a monument to the spiritual zeal and sacrifices of the people.

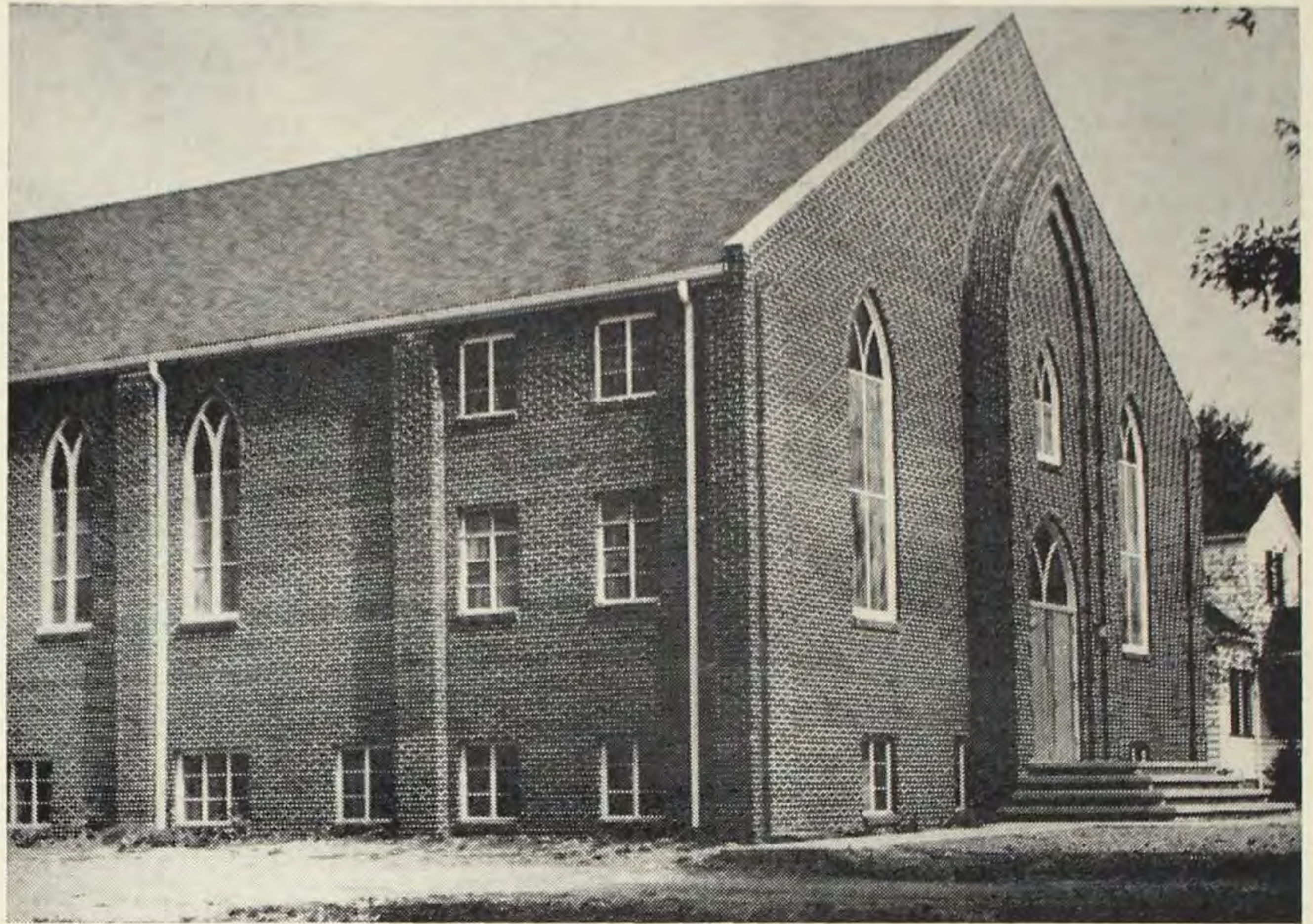
The ceremony of dedication was a part of the service conducted on Sunday afternoon, May 15, 1955. At three o'clock the Rev. C. Douglas Burt, pastor of the church, opened the service by announcing a hymn and introducing Mr. Charles Wood as director, followed by prayer led by the Rev. Elton C. Hukill of Trinity Baptist Church, Lorain.

Mr. Thomas Woodings, a member of the church, now removed but returning for the day of dedication, presented a special number, Mr. William Wall, a member of the congregation served as historian, describing the path of progress since the beginning, and the financial secretary, Mr. Ezra Straw, read a financial report.

The King's Men, a male quartet of the First Baptist Church, Elyria, delighted the large audience with several vocal numbers, accompanied at the piano by Miss Betty Fodor. Mr. Burt introduced the Rev. Robert J. Reynhout of Elyria, who read appropriate Scriptures, after which Rev. Verne L. Dunham of the East Side Baptist Church, Lorain, brought greetings as a representative of the nearby Regular Baptist Churches, and Dr. Howard G. Young spoke under the title, "Youth Rally Echoes." The Rev. Donald H. Beigh-tol, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Norwalk, who is Moderator of the Hebron Association, of which the Penfield Junction Baptist Church is a member, spoke briefly extending greetings on behalf of the fellowship and expressing good wishes for continued progress.

Mr. Norman Wall led the choir of about twenty-five voices, in an anthem which was well received.

Dr. H. K. Finley, editor of *The Ohio Independent Baptist*, delivered the dedicatory message, which was followed by a dedicatory ceremony, and the benediction by Rev. Homer Graven of Avon, Ohio.



The New House Of Worship, with partial view of parsonage

The Background

Almost thirty years ago some forward-looking members of the First Baptist Church, Elyria, joined with Bible believers living at Penfield Junction and formed a Bible Class which met in various homes, later in an abandoned School House. In 1931 a Sunday School was organized, and later with the assistance of the First Baptist Church, Elyria, a small house of worship was erected. To meet the needs of the constantly growing work, this house of worship was enlarged. A Regular Baptist Church was constituted and this organization was officially recognized in 1938, with 70 constituent members.

The Rev. C. Douglas Burt accepted call to the work in August of 1947 and under his aggressive ministry the development has been rapid.

In December of 1947 the building fund contained \$1,600.00, and since that date the people have contributed approximately \$45,000.00.

The Building

Apart from contracted labor of about \$10,000.00, the new, modern house of worship was built by the hands of the pastor and people. It is estimated that the actual value of the newly erected building is approximately \$125,-

000.00—exclusive of land; however, the actual cost to the church was about \$68,000.00. The building is very precious to the people, especially to those who invested time and labor, in addition to money.

The seats in the main auditorium will accommodate 332, the balcony 126, the choir 36, and the basement auditorium 250, in addition to the numerous class rooms, nursery and departmental auditoriums.

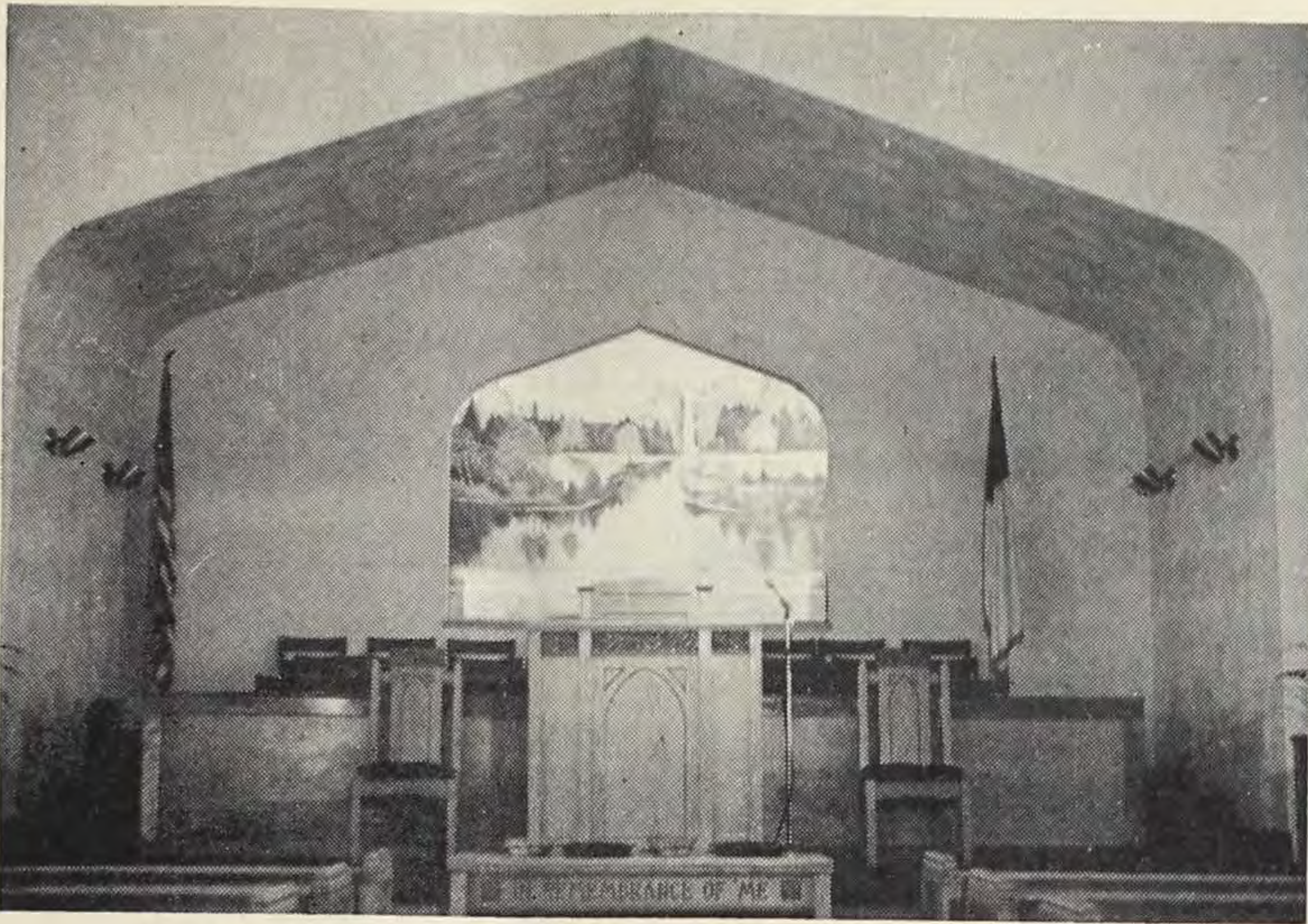
Behind the baptistry is a beautiful picture, the work of Mrs. George Zier, artist, who is a member of the congregation.

An Honored Guest

The festivities of the day did not terminate with the dedication service. The Rev. Kenneth H. Good, a distinguished former pastor of the church was the speaker at the evening service, when another large audience almost filled the auditorium. Pastor Good delighted his audience with a fine message and was happy to again visit with his many friends of that congregation. He is presently pastor of Madison Avenue Baptist Church, Paterson, New Jersey.

Rev. C. Douglas Burt

It would be difficult for this editor to describe Pastor Burt to the readers. He is all things to



View of choir section and painting behind baptistry

all men in ordinary routine, and during the erection of the new house of worship, which stands next to the parsonage, he exercised

his natural aptitudes in every stage of the building's progress. The constancy of the pastor doubtless inspired the workmen of the con-

gregation to the point of unusual zeal.

Mr. Burt served for three years as Chairman of the Property Committee at Camp Patmos, two terms as a member of the Council of Ten in Ohio Association, two terms as Chairman of the Young People's Department In Hebron Association, and has served in many ways which were less conspicuous. He is a very good man in relation to the Lord's work, and specifically the local church, and the associations. The Rev. Burt served in World War II as a Chaplain, with rank of Captain, and has also been identified with Baptist Bible Seminary, where he was a member of the faculty.

The magazine extends to the pastor and people of Penfield Junction Baptist Church hearty congratulations, trusting that the rich blessing of the Lord may continue to rest upon the testimony.

Field Address:

Donna, Texas

MISSION TO MEXICANS

By JAMES RUSSELL

Home address:

1120 Chester Avenue
Cleveland 14, Ohio

It is with mingled feelings that we write these lines to our friends and praying helpers of our decision, after much time waiting before the Lord to know His will.

Since coming home from Venezuela last August, after serving three terms there, we have been seeking the Lord's will as to a new field of service.

This change seems necessary because of health problems and the fact that our children are of the age that we could not take them

back to Venezuela if we went.

Since we have used the Spanish language during our service in Venezuela, we feel that our future service should be among Spanish speaking people. We realize that in this country there are many Spanish speaking people who need the gospel, even a few miles from where we are living at the present, but in many cases there is a work being done among them, although the laborers may be few.

However, we felt that there must

be places where there is no work being done so we waited on the Lord to lead us to these places. Finally, step by step, the Lord directed our thoughts to Texas on the Mexican border.

At our Mid-Missions conference in February one of the candidates had applied for acceptance to work among the Mexicans near the border of Texas. He had previously pastored 2 churches in that area so knew something of the need. I talked with him at that time and the result was that we arranged to make survey trip to "spy out the land."

We have just returned from that trip in which we visited villages, not only on this side of the border, but also on the Mexican side where there are villages and communities where there is nothing being done to give these people the Gospel.

In the Rio Grande Valley where we expect to live it is estimated that there are more than 250,000 Mexicans. The challenge is great and we hear the cry "Come over and help us." Do you hear this cry? Go! Give! Pray!

While there we were able to lease a house. This was the leading of the Lord, I am sure, because houses are in demand and scarce, but the Lord led us to the one house which is suitable. We have no furniture, hav-

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MR. AND MRS. JAMES RUSSELL,
JAMES JR., GERTRUDE, AND CAROL

RESOLVED: That Motion Pictures Be Used In the Lord's Work!

Pastors of Hebron Association meet in noon-day session once each month for prayer and conference. The question involved in the use of motion pictures has frequently come to the front. Hence, at a recent monthly meeting, six of the preachers debated the resolution.

The pastors appointed by Moderator, Donald H. Beightol to handle the question, consisted of: **Affirmative**—R. Kenneth Smelser, Lynn Rogers, and C. Douglas Burt; **Negative**—Robert J. Reynhout, Edward Helmick, and Homer Graven. The position taken by the pastors was by appointment and does not necessarily indicate personal convictions.

We plan to present the six entries, using two each month. (Editor)

AFFIRMATIVE—Rev. R. Kenneth Smelser, Medina, Ohio

Why not have a good consecrated, Biblical, moving picture in the name of the Lord? Our associational monthly rallies do not have them and we believe that an occasional picture will spice up the program and make for a change in order. Many of the young people have a just criticism that it is just another church service.

When I argue for moving pictures to be used for church programs, youth meetings, special services in the school, I do not mean that they are in any sense to take the place of preaching the Word. They are not to be Hollywood mimics. We are not to vie with the world in our programs.

God can use and bless modern means, such as moving pictures, to teach doctrine, present salvation to the lost, portray the mission field and attract attention to our Christian programs. Jesus was a great object lesson teacher and we think he would be glad for us to use these objects today.

I inquired into many other rallies in Cleveland, Akron, Ashland,

New London and across the border into West Virginia. It is worthy to note that the consecrated leadership in every group employs this means as part of their yearly program. In every instance the film program doubled, tripled or brought even a greater increase. Here is but one set of figures from one youth group: for the regular meetings the attendance figures run like this, 250, 325, 285, 310, 275, 325 etc.; for the times when there was a moving picture, the record shows, 760, 1341, 710, 977, 824 etc.

Think of the added audience that gathered to sing gospel songs, hear the Word of God and encourage those who are always faithful. Think of the impetus in interest. New faces, new names and new hearts for the cause of Christ. Can this be discounted when the world has such a pull? We think not!

I know a church that has never allowed even the missionaries to show slides. How we thank the Lord in these days for those churches who stand separated from

the world. However, that church has an organ. If the worldly people use organs then the logic is that the church should not! We think not. From the throat of that organ can come forth great sounds of praise to our Lord and it can help His people to sing for His glory. Thus, the cameras and projector, also used by the world, can do much to present picture truth.

It has long been known that you can teach so much more through the eye gate than the ear. I urge that we not let the world lead the way. Let us stand for truth in every sense of the word and yet be sensible to use all that is at hand to reach hearts for Christ.

Can so many good Christian leaders be wrong in employing films? Is it wrong to reach a thousand instead of three hundred? Will the many decisions by those who see Godly films be out of order?

Brethren, let us stay anchored to the Rock but be geared to the times.

NEGATIVE—Rev. Robert J. Reynhout, Elyria, Ohio

I am personally very glad that when I came to be the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elyria I did not have the problem to decide whether to use or not to use fictional films in church services. The problem was already settled. For only a few weeks before I came upon the field in Elyria a sad yet instructive experience had taught the church lessons that I would not need to teach. It happened in this way: In showing a fictional film which was filled with scenes of stealing, beer taverns, and frivolity, the congregation was sitting on the edge of their seats waiting for the next thrilling event to take place when all of a sudden the machine stopped operating. The film could not be completed. All they had seen was that which any person

might see in the theater or on the television, and no spiritual application was able to be made. Of course, everyone went home disappointed. And some of the deacons were thoroughly embarrassed.

Well, why should they be embarrassed? Simply because it was a fictional film that was of no value in so far as they had gone. And the truth is that they had seen about 20 of the 25 minutes of the film, and the last five minutes contained the only spiritual punch. And regretfully they had been unable to see any of it. For these reasons I maintain that fictional pictures have no place in any church worship services: 1. People are looking for the truth in the church. If the church does not offer it in everything that is seen and heard, someone is going to be

perplexed. Where will the average person be able to draw the line? He would not know. She would not know. Let it always be known that in my church and yours that which is heard or seen is not fictional but true. 2. To have an appeal to the average person films must come up to the Hollywood level. That being true, you know what the demand is. And what Christian movie experts can begin to come up to the Hollywood artists in that particular field of fiction? Certainly we will lose out tremendously if we endeavor to meet with the competition that comes from Hollywood. 3. If you please, consider the weaker Christian when films are shown. It reminds me of the time when a good friend came and said, "Pastor, I wish you wouldn't show any more films, be-

cause every time I see them I think of the theater which I left behind when I came to the Lord Jesus Christ." Enough said! In the 4th place, in showing Christian, yet fictional pictures, we are opening wide the door of criticism which can be directed upon the church. Does your church have a testimony in your community for separation? I personally have no desire to show "MR Texas" in my church nor to have my church sponsor the film because of the advertising that was put out to make it known. Nothing that was Christian in the picture, or in the brief advertising on the posters which instructed

people regarding it. I have no desire to have my church name on the ad. What would the average town person think? Our church has a testimony. I desire to have it maintained. In the 5th place fictional pictures are definitely for entertainment and not for instruction. It is of the flesh. There is no question about it whatsoever. In the 6th place, pictures do not bring real decisions for the Lord Jesus Christ. At least that is our experience. To my knowledge no members of the First Baptist Church of Elyria were converted seeing fictional pictures. Then, too, I'm not interested in getting folk

all steamed up for an hour or a day. That's not of the Spirit, anymore than a large church membership is of the Lord. If we want folks steamed up, let it be in a scriptural way, filled with the Spirit of God. Finally let me add this word: Some might maintain that the eyegate is an important means of leaving an impression upon one's mind and heart. If we are so desirous of approaching people in that way, why not flash scripture on the scene and forget the fictional pictures? Let us not forget God's Word, which says, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

FOSTORIA CELEBRATES

The Fifth Anniversary of the coming of Rev. and Mrs. Ralph T. Nordlund was celebrated at the Fostoria Baptist Church, with all available seating space filled by members and friends of the church. (We make bold to report that at a meeting of membership somewhat previously, the appreciative people voted a fine increase in the pastoral salary.)

During the five year period, 103 have come into the fellowship by baptism, 43 by letter or experience. A parsonage was purchased and cleared of debt, a new Hammond Electric Organ was installed, and many improvements made at the church property. The Sunday School attendance is well over 300 and in every division of the work the operations are on a high level.

During the morning of Easter Sunday the church employed duplicate services, and at all times the facilities seem inadequate to provide for the ever-increasing attendance.

The Men's League of the church sponsored a banquet recently, when 75 men enjoyed fellowship around the well-filled tables and the fine message by Rev. Max Tucker of Sandusky, which followed. On May 3rd the Women's



Rev. & Mrs. R. T. Nordlund

Mission Circle enjoyed a Mother-Daughter Tea.

Appreciation

Mr. and Mrs. Nordlund are not only appreciated by the people of

the Fostoria Baptist Church, but also by the people in other churches of the association. They served with the Randolph Street Baptist Church, Charleston, West Virginia, for several years, then engaged in pastoral and missionary work in West Virginia, prior to answering the call from Fostoria. Mr. Nordlund has been a frequent contributor to the pages of *The Ohio Independent Baptist*, and through the good offices of Mrs. Nordlund, more than forty families in Fostoria are subscribers to the publication.

CAMP PATMOS

(Boat Schedule)

Monday Through Saturday

Leave Sandusky	Leave Kelleys Island
6:45 A.M.	8:15 A.M.
9:30 A.M.	1:30 P.M.
1:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.
5:00 P.M.	6:15 P.M.

The Neuman Boat Line uses a privately owned dock at the foot of Columbus Street, Sandusky, Ohio.

Persons planning to visit Camp Patmos will remember that the boat schedule is quoted on Eastern Standard Time.

In addition to the schedule printed above, a special boat leaves Kelleys Island for Sandusky, each Friday evening at 8:15. Interested persons will also note comment to be found elsewhere in this magazine concerning car ferry service between Marblehead to Kelleys Island.

"Controversy usually makes the heart cold but the head hot."

GIFTS TO OHIO ASSOCIATION

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Nottingham Baptist Church, Cleveland	\$15.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo	32.50
First Baptist Church, Gallipolis	10.00
First Baptist Church, Bowling Green	3.00
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Cleveland	10.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Norwalk	5.00
North Royalton Baptist Church	2.00
Berea Baptist Church, Berea	10.00

FRANK ODOR ORDAINED AT LA GRANGE

Sunday Afternoon Ceremony

At a Sunday afternoon service, May 8, 1955, Mr. Frank Odor was set apart unto the Gospel Ministry at the First Baptist Church, La Grange, Ohio.

The Ordination Sermon was delivered by the Rev. Leland Howard of Faith Baptist Church, Amherst, Ohio, Rev. R. K. Smelser of Medina, presented Charge to the Church; Rev. Joseph H. Troup of Kipton gave Charge to the Candidate; Rev. Edward Helmick of the La Grange Church Offered the Ordination Prayer; Rev. Homer Graven, Avon, Extended the Right Hand of Fellowship, Deacon Jud Spicer, Presented the Ordination Certificate, and Deacon Francis Moore, on behalf of the ordaining church, presented the Rev. Odor with a Bible.

The Ordination was carried out on the recommendation of a Council which convened on Monday, May 2, 1955, when 23 messengers, representing 15 Regular Baptist



Frank Odor

Churches, assembled in the First Baptist Church, La Grange. During this period of careful examination, Mr. Odor manifested unusual ability in dealing with the deeper, and intricate the-

ological problems. Rev. Robert J. Reynhout served as Moderator, Rev. L. W. Beckley, as Clerk.

Mr. Odor, following his graduation from High School, entered the armed services and was stationed in the eastern theater. Being discharged in 1946, he entered Houghton College, receiving, upon graduation, the A.B. degree. He later entered Northern Baptist Theological Seminary and was graduated in 1951 with the B.D. degree. Mrs. Odor is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute, also of Houghton College, and holds a Bachelor of Music degree from the last named institution. Rev. and Mrs. Odor are the parents of one son, Ronald Dean, age two years.

The newly ordained pastor and wife are presently busy in opening a new work at North Eaton, Ohio, which will eventually develop into a Regular Baptist Church. The present attendance is about sixty persons each week.

TOLEDO CHURCH CALLS ASSISTANT

The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Toledo, has recently extended the call to Kenneth Andrus, of Warren, Ohio, to serve as assistant to the pastor. Mr. Andrus will assume his duties at the church the first of July.

Mr. Andrus is a graduate of the Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland (now Cedarville College). During his school years, he travelled throughout Ohio and neighbouring states with the B.B.I. Male Quartet. Upon graduation, he joined the Musical Ministers Male Quartet, and for nine months participated in evangelistic endeavors in all of eastern United States and Jamaica, B.W.I. To date, he has been serving as associate pastor of



Kenneth Andrus

Bethel Baptist Church in Warren, directing youth and music activities in that church. He was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by the same church in April, 1955.

Wedding plans are in store for Brother Andrus on August 13. The bride-to-be is Miss Kathleen West, also of Warren, Ohio. Miss West is a graduate of the Missionary Training Institute, Nyack, New York; and since graduation has been working as a Bible club missionary in the Jamestown, New York area. Her work has been to conduct release-time religious instruction classes in the public schools. This is all under the auspices of the Bible Club Movement of Philadelphia.

ASSISTANT CALLED TO ELYRIA CHURCH

Will Serve as Minister of Music and Youth

By unanimous vote the Advisory Board of the First Baptist Church, Elyria, recommended that the congregation extend call to Mr. Jack Payne of Buffalo, New York for service as Minister Of Music And Youth. The recommendation was approved by unanimous vote of

all voting members present at the morning service, Sunday, May 22, 1955.

Mr. Payne is serving in the same capacity at the First Baptist Church, (GARB), Buffalo, New York. The young man is a graduate of Baptist Bible Seminary,

Johnson City, New York, also Westminster School of Choir and Music. He is a talented organist and highly successful with young folk. In the line of duty will be that of organist, choir director, youth director, Sunday School and church visitor.

ERIE PASTOR RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE



Rev. Robert M. McMillan, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Erie, Pennsylvania, was awarded the Honorary Degree, Doctor of Divinity, during

the graduation festivities at Trinity College, Clearwater, Florida,

May 15, 1955. The Rev. McMillan delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon at the school. The school is operated under the direction of the Rev. W. T. Watson, of St. Petersburg, and it was from this school—then located in St. Petersburg, that Billy Graham was graduated. He is classified as the school's best known alumnus.

The Rev. R. M. McMillan already carries the degree, Th.B. and

is registered as F.R.G.S., (Fellow of the Royal Geographic Society, better known in England and Scotland, but having branches in this country.)

The annual meeting of Ohio Association will be held in the Bethel Baptist Church, Erie, in October, when delegates of the fellowship may have the opportunity to personally congratulate the honored pastor.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Meeting of Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches will be held in the Bethel Baptist Church, Erie, Pennsylvania, Monday through Thursday, October 17-20, 1955.

The Council of Ten in recent session arranged a program which will be of unusual interest, in which the following will have a part: Rev. Robert M. McMillan, pastor of the church; Rev. George O'Keefe, Cleveland; Rev. Allan E. Lewis, Cleveland; Rev. Walter Young, Coshocton; Rev. Allan M. Cherry, Sharon, Pennsylvania; Rev. B. F. Cate, Tallmadge; Rev. Verne L. Dunham; Rev. Robert J.

Reynhout, Elyria; Rev. Robert E. McNeill, Charleston, West Virginia; Rev. John G. Balyo, Cleveland; Mr. Ralph I. Swanson, Canton, and Rev. C. C. Clawson, Columbus.

The Rev. Earl V. Willetts will preside at all business sessions, Rev. Hall Dautel will have charge of missionary sessions, and Rev. Don Loomis will conduct the music.

The annual meeting of the fellowship was held in the Bethel Baptist Church in October 1945, during the pastorate of the Rev. Hall Dautel and the meeting was marked by excellent cooperation. The Bethel Baptist Church has

from the beginning brought into the association pastors who have taken a leading part in association affairs, including Rev. Earl G. Griffith, Rev. S. Franklin Logsdon, Rev. Hall Dautel, and now the Rev. Robert M. McMillan.

Magazine affairs have been handled by Mrs. A. D. O'Keefe, Mother of the present pastor of Brookside Baptist Church, Cleveland, who is a member of the Erie church, the average circulation of the magazine among the people being about fifty copies per month. No person on the staff of the circulation department has excelled Mrs. A. D. O'Keefe in point of long-term faithfulness.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES

High Spots in Annual Meeting

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the GARB was held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, May 9 to 12, 1955, with good attendance from every section of the northern states.

The messages were on the usual high level and provided a spiritual feast for the huge audiences.

Dr. R. T. Ketcham in his report to the churches pointed out that the association carries a roster of 725 churches, and that the five approved missionary agencies have 972 missionaries, 689 of whom are on foreign soil.

In relation to finance the National Representative reported that the per capita giving in the GARB is \$22.75 per year; in the Northern Baptist Convention, \$4.05, and in the Southern Baptist Convention, 55 cents.

Another interesting comparison is related to missionaries: The GARB has ONE missionary for

every 172 members, the Northern Baptist Convention has ONE missionary for every 3,750 members, and the Southern Baptist Convention has ONE missionary for every 10,000 members.

The history of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches is the record of a continuous onward march from the beginning and the wisdom of the leadership is being abundantly manifested.

Newly elected members of the Council of Fourteen include: Rev. John Balyo, Cleveland; Rev. Carl Elgena, Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. David Otis Fuller, Grand Rapids; Rev. Howard Keithley, Grand Rapids; Rev. James T. Jeremiah, Cedarville, Ohio; Rev. Kenneth Kinney, Johnson City, New York, and Rev. Wilbur C. Rooke of Gary, Indiana. *Officers elected from the Council* include: Dr. Paul R. Jackson, Chairman; Dr. Heber O. Van Gilder, Sr., Vice Chairman; Rev. Wil-

bur C. Rooke, Secretary, and Rev. Ray Hamilton, Treasurer.

MISSION TO MEXICO

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ing sold ours on the field, so the Lord led us to this house which is furnished and at a price which is within our budget.

Please pray for us. We shall be moving sometime the middle of August, the Lord willing. We must be there in time to get the children registered for the school year.

As we are renting a furnished house we shall not be needing the equipment we might need if we were going back to Venezuela, nor do we need as much for passage, but there will be needs so we ask you to pray especially for a washing machine, a public address system which will be so needful in these small villages, also a piano accordion for Gertrude, our oldest daughter so that she can help us in the meetings.

Two Moonlight Boat Rides Scheduled

Boat Ride No. 1

On Tuesday, June 28, 1955, there will be a four-hour moonlight boat trip on Lake Erie, via Neuman Boat Line, Sandusky, Ohio, for all Hebron Association young folk, age 13 and over. The boat will leave the dock in Sandusky at 6:30 P.M., EASTERN STANDARD TIME, not Daylight Savings Time. The price will be \$1.50 per person and money must accompany reservations.

According to the contract made by the Rev. Homer Graven, 150

registrations must be at hand to consummate the contract, maximum number permitted on the boat, 225. Pastors should mail reservations at once, but not later than June 22nd. Each delegation must be accompanied by adult counselors, preferably pastor and wife. Address registrations to: Rev. Homer Graven, P. O. Box 88, Avon, Ohio. If unfavorable weather should prevent the trip on June 28, the alternate date will be Thursday, July 7, at 6:30 E S T.

Boat Ride No. 2

On Monday, July 25, at 6:30 P.M. (Eastern Standard Time), a similar boat ride will be conducted for ADULTS of Hebron Association. Each factor related to this trip will be identical with that of Boat Ride No. 1, except that the deadline for reservations will be July 20. In case of unfavorable

weather the alternate date will be Friday, July 29th.

When mailing reservations to Mr. Graven, please be certain to specify which of the rides are in point, stating the date of the trip.

Speakers and program will be provided.

Hebron Junior-Senior Banquet

By MRS. KENNETH SMELSER

The annual Junior-Senior Banquet of the Hebron Association was held in the Gym-Dining Room of the school building at Penfield Junction, Saturday evening, May 21, 1955. Altogether it was a very pretty affair and from all points of view, a huge success. About 90 beautifully attired young ladies, with their well dressed escorts, in addition to pastors and wives, enjoyed a sumptuous banquet. Tur-

key was the center around which the banquet menu was built.

During the banquet hour and to some extent throughout the evening, the guests were amused by the antics of a "stray bum" who wandered in and a stalwart policeman who finally disposed of him. These men were representative members of the Penfield Junction and Wellington churches, respectively. A varied program kept everybody interested. A few joyous choruses were led by Bill MacDougall of Burbank, California who was currently serving at the First Baptist Church, Elyria, and the musical portion of the program was followed by a timely message by Rev. Fred Brown of Chattanooga, Tennessee, who was also serving in evangelistic meetings at Elyria.

Wilbur Sutliff and Charles Goff of Wellington presented a comic skit which was appreciated. The final number of the program was a chalk drawing by Rev. Thomas Buell, who depicted life's sunset, and presented a real challenge to the audience. Mr. Buell is serving with the Baptist Seminary of the Bible, Cleveland.

Most people know how to say nothing, but do not know when.

CAMP PATMOS

(Finance)

It was in 1952 that Ohio Association purchased the site on Kelleys Island for \$22,000.00. Since that time approximately \$16,000.00 has been spent on the camp for conditioning, maintenance, and the installation of new equipment, or a total of about \$38,000.00.

Present indebtedness on mortgage is exactly \$11,000.00, which indicates that the fellowship has paid approximately \$27,000.00 toward the project. To us that is an unthinkable amount and we praise the Lord for this liberal and loyal people.

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FLASHES FROM THE CHURCHES

We have received a financial statement published by the First Baptist Church, Galion, Ohio, for the year ending April 30, 1955. We note definite development as the figures are analyzed:

Total receipts for the year were \$14,886.00, of which \$5,857.00 was set apart for missions. The report indicates contributions to 44 persons, institutions, mission boards and projects. Among the fine gifts to mission work—predominantly Baptist—we note \$310.00 to Cedarville College, \$301.00 to General Office Expense, Mid-Missions, and \$122.00 to Camp Patmos.

The pastor, Rev. Wilfred Booth, reports that the average in Sunday School was 127, in contrast to 95 during the previous year; morning worship attendance 111, in contrast with 91 during the previous year.

The report indicates property improvement to the amount of \$6,661.00.

According to our understanding the work at Galion is in fine condition, with spiritual zeal exhibited in all departments.

Sunday evening, May 29, 1955, marked the closing service in one of the most successful evangelistic campaigns ever held in the First Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio. Dr. Fred Brown of Chattanooga, Tennessee was the speaker, and Mr. Bill MacDougall of Burbank, California was the chorister and singer.

The Rev. Robert J. Reynhout, pastor, reports that 33 persons made clean-cut profession of faith, 10 others applied for church membership, and several asked for restoration.

Selection of this evangelist and musician was the work of Pastor Reynhout, who had availed himself of their dedicated services in two former pastorates; Petoskey, and Allegan, Michigan. The First Baptist Church, Elyria, is in a definitely prosperous condition, spiritually, financially, and numerically, as evaluated by this editor.

Reports submitted at the annual meeting of First Baptist Church, Gallipolis, Ohio, indicate that the people contributed during the year, \$39,116.98. Figures printed in this magazine for the year ending 1950, indicated re-

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ceipts of \$21,513.01. A fine increase since the coming of the Rev. William Howard Green.

The church contemplates the purchase or erection of a new parsonage in the near future, making the site of the present parsonage available for the various youth projects.

The First Baptist Church, Wauseon, Ohio, reports that the reports submitted at the annual meeting, recently held, were definitely encouraging. During the year 13 new members were added to the roll, \$8,000.00 was contributed by the people, of which \$1,600.00 was set apart for missionary work.

The pastor, Rev. Martin E. Holmes, has almost completely recovered from a recent operation, and for this the congregation gives thanks.

The church reports 18 juniors and 5 seniors registered for Camp Patmos.

The Wauseon Church has organized a Men's Fellowship which is well attended, also a Thursday evening class for young people which carries attendance record of 20 to 30. The church has made definite progress during the present pastorate.

The Rev. Gerald Mitchell, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Troy, Ohio, conducted an evangelistic campaign in the Second Baptist Church, Cambridge, Ohio, from April 18 to May 1, inclusive. Mrs. Naomi R. Stats, the church clerk, reports that the Lord's blessing was abundant throughout the period, fifteen persons making profession of faith, three restored

to fellowship, and four dedications of life. Pastor Mitchell is a choice servant of the Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit has constantly attended his ministry. Dwight Lyons was in charge of music and did excellent work.

The pastor of Second Baptist Church, Cambridge, is the Rev. Marshall Harper, a pastor greatly loved by the people.

We have received some statistics from the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo, which indicates considerable progress under the leadership of the Rev. Reginald L. Matthews, now completing his fifth year of service in that city.

The report indicates Sunday School average attendance of 415, church membership 573, contributions for missionary work \$21,576, and total receipts during the year, \$53,271. Comparison with tables submitted by the church in 1950, indicate increase of 135 in membership and \$21,729 in general receipts. During the year ending May 30, 1955, thirty-eight were added to the church.

The church has 13 of its members in missionary work, and 16 of the young people are in school for training, looking forward to full time Christian service.

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo, has been definitely active in the fellowship of Ohio Association since the formation of the group, three pastors serving with the church while also serving as officers in the association, namely, Rev. Earle G. Griffith, Rev. James T. Jeremiah, and the present incumbent, Rev. Reginald L. Matthews.

CAMP PATMOS

(CHIT-CHAT)

1. MUSIC and musical instruction will be emphasized during all SENIOR camp periods. Qualified leaders have been placed under contract for each of the four senior periods. Immediately after lunch each day there will be a half-hour of voice test and a lecture dealing with the place of music in the program of the church. (Attendance at this half-hour session is to be on a voluntary basis.) Each evening before the service there will be a period of musical instruction and choral singing. (All seniors who desire place in the orchestra should take instruments to the camp.)

2. RECREATION will be both organized and supervised on a different level this year. A specialized director will devote full time to directing group games each afternoon. All registrants will be enrolled in the various competitive groups, leading to a tournament each week. We had a peep at the group games being planned and noted: Baseball, Volley Ball, Dodgeball, Spud, Indian Ball, Flying Dutchman, Three Deep, Crows and Cranes, and Badminton. Most of these games are over our editorial head, but they sound good.

3. BOAT TRANSPORTATION can now be had for automobiles the small groups via Marblehead, which is just a 20-minute boat ride from Kelleys Island. This is a car ferry. Just drive on the ferry and be carried across to Camp Patmos. This service will NOT be suitable for the church delegations, but will be wonderful for those visiting the camp on Friday night, and for small groups westward from Sandusky. Boats will leave Marblehead at 7:30 A.M. each day, and continue every hour on the half-hour schedule until 10:30 P.M. (Eastern Standard Time) Boats will leave Kelleys Island at 8:00 A.M. each day, and continue every hour on the hour schedule until 11:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time. On Saturdays only a special car ferry will leave Marblehead at 6:30 A.M. and leave Kelleys Island at 7:00 A.M.

Delegations from the churches should continue to use the Sandusky gateway, noting the boat schedule printed elsewhere in this magazine. It is recommended that delegations from northern Ohio use the boat leaving Sandusky at 9:30 A.M. (Eastern Standard Time), (Continued on next page)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO HOME AND CAMP

(HONORABLE MENTION)

NOTE: The following churches have contributed at least \$2.00 for each member on the roll.

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Niles	First Baptist	376.96
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Norwalk	North Royalton Baptist	624.50
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Amherst	Calvary	15.00
Gallipolis	Bible Baptist	15.00
Bellefontaine	Bethlehem Baptist	13.33
Bedford	Calvary Baptist	10.00
Cleveland	First Baptist	10.00
Cleveland	Penfield Junction Baptist	10.00
McDonald	Evansville Baptist	10.00
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when possible, in order that the more distant churches may be accommodated on the boat leaving Sandusky at 1:00 P.M.—*Eastern Standard Time.*

4. REGISTRATION is heavy. As these lines are being written, May 20, about six weeks before opening of the camp, we receive a letter from the registrar stating that 587 young people have registered, in addition to counsellors. One camp period is—on this date, May 20, entirely filled, and already some registrations have been turned back for that particular week. Other youngsters are scheduled for disappointment as local church representatives lag behind.

5. THE WORK WEEK was a big success; however, all conditioning was not completed during the week and Mr. Beightol and several other men returned to the camp the following week.

Some extensive operations will be needed following the camp periods, this to include a new roof on the tabernacle, exterior painting and work incidental to closing the camp for the season. Many willing workers were unable to be present during the recent work week, but have indicated a willingness to serve at another time. Superintendent Beightol proposes either the week beginning Monday September 5, or Monday, September 12. *Interested workmen will please advise Mr. Beightol which week is preferred*, and definite announcement will appear in the July number of this magazine. Address: Rev. Donald H. Beightol, 91 Foster Avenue, Norwalk, Ohio.

6. NURSES are needed for the weeks July 11-16; August 1-6, and August 15-20. Circumstances have made it impossible for some nurses under contract, to serve. Nurses will be compensated. Interested nurses, or pastors with suggestions, should communicate immediately with Rev. William Howard Green, Baptist Parsonage, Gallipolis, Ohio.

THE LAST CALL

Rev. William Howard Green has been successful in completing the roster of speakers and members of his staff, excepting for one very important post: THE LIFE GUARD. The schedule is partially filled, but one or two periods remain open. Those who hold Red Cross certificates, or who have had any training in this important work, should address Mr. Green at once at the Baptist Parsonage, Gallipolis, Ohio.

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Flagellation vs. Substitution

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Rose

It was hot, but that made no difference. The procession continued on its way, the whips lashing out and inflicting the necessary torture. These men were the "Flagellantes." They were hooded so that their identity would not be known. They were stripped down to the waist so that their backs would be exposed to the lashes of their crude, home-made whips. They had then received the initial bleeding on their backs and had begun the procession which eventually led them to a "chapel" where their families were reciting the "pabasa." (This is a mournful, wailing-sort-of-song which sets forth the passion of Christ.) As they proceed they whip themselves. Their clothing becomes blood-stained. Periodically they will stop, fall on the ground and receive an additional "beating" by an assistant who is following the flagellant and guiding him. In order to keep the blood from coagulating these "assistants" spit water on the backs of the flagellantes, thus keeping the blood flowing and making this spectacle as gory as possible. One of the flagellantes carries a cross emulating Christ. This one later "hangs" on the cross for several hours during the intense heat of the early afternoon. (He

is not suspended from the cross but rather stands on a support so that there is no suspended weight to this "crucifixion.") Their path eventually leads them back to the chapel where the procession started and the tortuous ordeal is over. And so ends "Good Friday."

What is all this? It is a form of penance. What is its purpose? To wash these "penitentes" of the sins they have committed. Who prescribes this penance? According to the newspaper account the flagellantes are a religious sect. The priests are conspicuous by their absence. But this procession begins and ends in a Roman Catholic church. The priests do nothing to stop the procession, which they could surely do if they were so inclined. According to the *American Peoples Encyclopedia*, Vol. 8, p. 638, "the Roman Catholic church, although approving moderate penitential flagellation as a suffering for moral evil, condemned the inordinate applications of the flagellants and their excesses were suppressed by the pope." To say the least, the flagellantes are a sect of Roman Catholicism.

Rose and I witnessed the flagellantes this year in a suburb of Manila. Thousands of people lined the streets to watch the proceedings. It was a pitiable demonstration of blindness of men's hearts, and of the way Satan has, through the years, sought to substitute for the vicarious, substitutionary death of Christ on the cross, any form of religious practice that would sidestep the cross, and Christ's death there for us.

What can we do about it? We gave out hundreds of tracts at this procession. Very rare indeed is the person out here who will refuse a gospel tract. We can faithfully proclaim CHRIST and Him crucified. We can hold daily vacation Bible schools like the one we just concluded at First Baptist Church in Manila. We praise the Lord for the 142 boys and girls who were enrolled (average attendance 125) and for the eleven juniors who professed to receive

Christ as Saviour. Nearly all of the 142 were from Roman Catholic homes. We used two cars to pick them up . . . and how they can crowd in. Out here there is always room for one more. I counted 22 who piled out of my station wagon one day (not counting myself). They would come . . . some clean, some dirty, some with sores all over their legs . . . but they would come. And how they could sing . . . "Running over, running over, my cup is full and running over; since the Lord SAVES me, I'm as happy as can be; my cup is full and running over." They don't put the "save" in the past tense but rather in the present tense (and isn't it true: the Lord saved us once and for all, and daily keeps us saved). We're praying that those who professed Christ might stand true, and be a witness in their homes.

And then we can pray the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth more laborers into His harvest. We need so many more young men who will preach the substitutionary atonement of Christ. The surface is barely scratched. Thousands are unreached.

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